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EXAMINING GROUP 3700**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: P.A. Graef et al. Attorney Docket No.: 24393A
Application No.: 10/021,668 Group Art Unit: 3761
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Title: UNITARY DISTRIBUTION LAYER

AMENDMENT A

Seattle, Washington 98101

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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Examiner's Action mailed January 13, 2004 (Paper No. 9), please amend the above-identified application as indicated below.

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